

Amendments to the Specification:

The paragraph starting at page 4, line 26, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- A motorized cultivator 1 is shown in its work position in FIG. 1 as an example of a portable handheld work apparatus. In the work position, the longitudinal direction 21 of the motorized cultivator 1 is inclined relative to the effective direction 41 of the gravitational force and is inclined, for example, at an angle between 20° and 80°. The motorized cultivator 1 has a frame 2 which extends essentially in the longitudinal direction 21 of the cultivator 1. The frame 2 is formed by a rod 26 having one end 22 at which a mount 27 is mounted with the mount running transversely to the ~~rod-26~~ rod 26. A drive motor 3 is fixed on the mount 27 and the drive shaft of the drive motor passes through this mount and drives the cultivator blade units 4 via a gear case 5 shown in FIG. 3. The blade units 4 lie on the ground surface 42 to be worked. The drive motor 3 is supported on the rod 26 at the end facing away from the mount 27. A protective shield 6 is mounted between the blade units 4 and the mount 27 which prevents earth, which is loosened by the blade units 4, from being flung in a direction toward the drive motor 3, that is, toward the operator. A forward handle 16 is arranged on the mount 27. The forward handle 16 is not configured as a closed bracket but has a hook-like shape. The section 28 of the forward handle 16 is arranged offset in the direction toward the drive motor 3 in the longitudinal direction 21 of the ~~cultivator-21~~ cultivator 1. -